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General Nathan F. Twining
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Twining:

As I look into our future intelligence requirements, it is clear to me that the Nation will be forced to call more and more upon air photographic and electronic reconnaissance for the performance of tasks that will be increasingly essential to its security. In no other way does it appear to me that we can be assured of obtaining the valid intelligence concerning many vital matters upon which major decisions will have to be based. Accordingly, I recommend that no effort be spared in the development and acquisition of the specialized aircraft and operational capabilities necessary for such operations.

Clearly the urgency of this requirement grows in part out of considerations broader in scope than those which give rise to purely military requirements for materiel that would be needed after the advent of war. I hope that these broader considerations will be taken into account in determining priorities in the development and procurement programs of the Air Force.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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